Senate Minutes
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March 13, 2013

Vice President Ray Barber called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Secretary Jonathan Lora took attendance. There are 46 clubs in attendance. Three clubs were absent: DETV, Epic Movie Club, and Astronomy.

Guest Speaker

Vice President of Finance, Carol Bishop, came to Senate to talk about Student Fees. She explained to Senate that certain college fees are mandatory for all students to pay for. She showed Senators the plan for the minimal increasing of fees next year, including the athletic fee increase of $10.

Senators raised questions about the transportation fee, and once again requested additional transportation be provided for students from regular bus stops downtown. Several Senators requested that revenue from the transportation fee be used to support this service. Senators also questioned the mandatory activity fee and wanted to know why those who did not participate in athletics or intramurals are still required to pay that fee. During the discussion, the Director of Student Activities reminded all Senators that there are some students who pay the mandatory student activity fee, that is used to support all clubs and activities, who do not participate in any clubs or activities.

Vice President Bishop told the Senators that she will return with answers to their specific questions in a few weeks. President Bowman thanked V.P. Bishop for taking the time to meet with the Senate, and answering all of the questions she was asked.

Announcements

Psychology Club will be having a bake sale on March 26th and March 27th. Also, they will be having a faculty and student dodge ball game, where student place bids on the teachers they want to play against.

Officer Report

Secretary

A motion was made by BIG and seconded by Glee to amend the February 27, 2013 minutes by changing the stated date of the motion to pass the minutes from February 13, 2013 to February 20, 2013. The motion passed and the minutes were amended.
The Secretary Jonathan Lora announced that the date of the Student Senate Banquet has been set for Wednesday, May 8, 2013 in the Farrell Commons. It is anticipated that invitations will be distributed to clubs at the Student Senate meeting on April 24, 2013, and will need to be returned by May 1, 2013. The theme of this year’s banquet will be Centennial.

The Secretary also reminded all clubs to confirm that both their Senators and advisors are receiving the weekly Senate Minutes via e-mail. And if not, they should see him after the meeting. It is important that Senators confirm this fact with their advisors as several advisors have spoken to Marty about not receiving minutes. Senators have been requested to confirm this several meetings ago.

Treasurer

Treasurer Lindsey Moorehead announced a list of clubs that still need to reconcile their budgets: ATE, LASO, Anime, Outdoor, WDTU, Escoffier, Horticultural, DETV, BIG, Photography, DCIC, and CSA. The Treasurer told Senate that club accounts that have not been reconciled will be fined $100 and budgets will be frozen as of next week’s meeting.

It is important for all clubs to understand that if their budget is frozen, you will not be able to submit a budget request for next year in April. The Treasurer also told Senate that she, as well as the Student Activities staff, is willing to assist any club in need of financial assistance or guidance. She reminded all clubs that there is no reason for any club to have their budget frozen.

Vice President

Vice President Ray Barber thanked all clubs for submitting a CADI programming grant request. All of the grant requests have been reviewed and he was pleased to announce the following grant awards: Glee Club has received $500 for concert related expenses, CSA has received $500 for their ice cream social event, SPB has received $500 for laser tag, and LASO has received $150 for the beauty pageant.

The Vice President told Senate that the request from the Turf Club for $499 to purchase a tower garden could not be accepted as this grant is only for program related requests. The Director of Student Activities and CADI Administration is working with the Turf Club advisor to find alternative funding sources for this worthwhile project. The Senate will be kept up to date with the progress of this request.

The Vice President called the recognition of NECA to a vote. The motion to untable the proposed constitution was made by Glee, and seconded by WDTU. He then offered the following resolution: Upon the recommendation of the Constitutional Review Committee, after reviewing the proposed NECA, the SUNY Delhi Student Senate does hereby accept the NECA as a recognized member of the SUNY Delhi Student Senate. A motion was passed on the recognition of NECA on March 13, 2013 was made by LASO, and seconded by Campus Voice.
A vote was taken, and NECA was approved for Senate membership without opposition.

The Vice President congratulated the NECA on their recognition and told them to meet with the Treasurer to discuss a budget.

The Vice President also told Senate that there is an additional $750 in grant funds available that will be allocated to the Greek Council to fund grant requests from recognized Greek organizations on campus.

**President**

The President Oswald J. Bowman congratulated and recognized the work of the O’Connor Center for Community Engagement in their coordination of the recent Hurricane Sandy Relief trip. Thanks to Dean Robert, Professor John Taylor, David Krzyston, Instructor Pete Campbell, and Reverend Jarrod Stevens, who led a group of almost 40 Delhi students to work downstate. SUNY Delhi’s effort was written about in the New York Daily News and USA Today.

The President reminded everyone of the upcoming Pusha T concert, and that discounted student tickets will be available through next Wednesday or until they are gone. Tickets are selling faster than of any other concert in recent memory.

The President also told Senate that in order to make the night of the Pusha T concert more fun, the Student Senate will be sponsoring a late night comedy show in the Okun Theatre after the concert. The headliner will be comedian Rob Stapleton, and the show will begin at 11:30 pm.

**New Business**

-None-

**Old Business**

-None-

**Open Discussion**

Elizabeth Sova of the O’Connor Center for Community Engagement wanted to thank everyone for their help in making the Hurricane Sandy Relief trip such a success. President Bowman expressed the thanks of the Senate to Elizabeth for all of the work that the OCCE did to make this trip such a success.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm by NAHB and seconded by HMS.